

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (27)

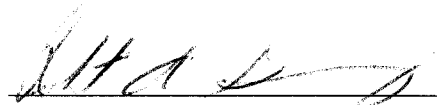
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 5, 2005

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to the
CDBG Program

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Commissioner Katy Sorenson.


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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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4-5-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND
URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESTORE
ITS FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective "... the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;"; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing, economic development, public service, capital improvement and other neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, throughout its 30-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income persons and families; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (USHUD), in FY 2004 CDBG provided funds for thousands of activities, assisting over 23 million persons and households through such activities as expanding homeownership activities, eliminating slums and blighting influences, improving infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer systems, libraries, community centers, adult day care and after school care for

children, homeless housing facilities, employment training, transportation services, crime awareness, and business and job creation; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County allocates CDBG funds in the approximate amount of \$22 million annually to fund a wide variety of CDBG eligible programs, projects and activities that address the needs of underdeveloped and underserved areas, and which are targeted to meet the needs of very-low, low- and moderate-income persons; and

WHEREAS, the President's FY 2006 budget proposes to completely eliminate the CDBG program; and

WHEREAS, should such a proposal be enacted, it would have a particularly devastating impact on Miami-Dade County's CDBG program by forcing the elimination of vital programs and services, including but not limited to, (1) public service programs that address the needs of children, elderly residents, and persons with disabilities, (2) economic development programs that provide assistance to new and existing businesses that create and retain critically needed jobs that principally benefit low and moderate income persons, and (3) funding support for the development of affordable rental and homeownership housing projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida hereby calls on the United States Congress to preserve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide FY 2006 funding of at least \$4.7 billion overall, with no less than \$4.35 billion in *formula funding*.

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Section 2. The Board urges Congress to keep the CDBG Program located within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and not move it to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Section 3. The Board urges the cities in Miami-Dade County and the Miami-Dade League of Cities to support these legislative priorities.

Section 4. Directs the Clerk of the Board to send a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation.

Section 5. Directs the County's lobbyists to advocate for this issue, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include it in the Miami-Dade County Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, Commissioner Barbara J. Jordan, Chairman Joe A. Martinez and Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of April, 2005. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Shannon D. Summerset